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1) I SPOKE TO ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER TODAY (SEPT. 18) ABOUT NOTES ON USE OF ZONE COMMISSARY AND POST OFFICE BY EMBASSY. I POINTED OUT THAT ARTICLE XII OF 1955 TREATY CLEARLY APPLIED ONLY TO NON-US CITIZENS NOT RESIDENT IN ZONE AND HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH US CITIZENS ASSIGNED TO US DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN PANAMA. WE ALSO REVIEWED EXCHANGE OF NOTES OF MARCH 2, 1936. HE AGREED 1936 AGREEMENT VERY CLEAR AND HE UNDERSTOOD ARTICLE XII OF 1955 TREATY DESIGNED TO LIMIT RIGHT OF PANAMANIANS TO USE COMMISSARIES. I SAID THAT INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE XII IN NOTES OF AUGUST 1 AND 16 WAS SO EXAGGERATED AS TO RAISE QUESTION WHETHER FOREIGN MINISTRY DELIBERATELY TRYING TO HARASS EMBASSY. ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER ASKED THAT I LEAVE ORIGINALS OF TWO NOTES WITH HIM FOR FURTHER STUDY AND I DID SO.
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